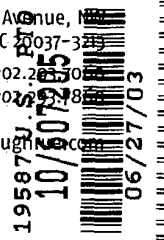




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Re: Application of **Lorenzo PERUZZO, Stefano PERUZZO** entitled

**INSTALLATION FOR PROCESSING METAL BARS WITH IMPROVED
MEANS FOR TRANSFERRING THE BARS, AND METHOD PROVIDED
THEREBY**

Assignee: **OSCAM S.P.A**

Our Ref. **Q76357**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 37 sheets of the Italian language specification, including the claims and abstract and 7 sheets of drawings.

The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

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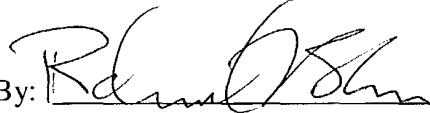
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